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Title: METHOD OF PERFORMING ARRAY-BASED HYBRIDIZATON ASSAYS USING THERMAL
INKJET DEPOSITION OF SAMPLE FLUIDS

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TOTAL CLAIMS	26	MINUS	22	= 4	X \$18	\$ 72
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[] FIRST PRESENTATION OF A MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM					+ \$280	\$ 0
EXTENSION FEE	1ST MONTH \$110.00	2ND MONTH \$410.00	3RD MONTH \$930.00	4TH MONTH \$1450.00		\$ 0
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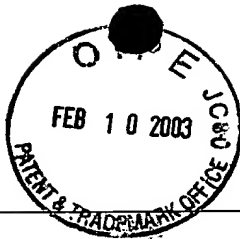
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	Attorney Docket Number	10981712-2
	Filing Date	March 26, 2001
	First Named Inventor	Caren
	Examiner	Siew, J.
	Group Art	1656
Title	Method of Performing Array-Based Hybridization Assays Using Thermal Inkjet Deposition of Sample Fluids	

Sir:

This amendment is responsive to the Office Action dated November 1, 2002 for which a three-month period for response was given making this response due on or before February 1, 2003. In view of the amendments to the claims and the remarks put forth below, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

AMENDMENTS

In the claims:

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Please cancel Claims 26, 29 and 30.

Please amend Claims 22, 27, 31 and 34 as follows:

22. (Amended) A method for depositing a quantity of fluid containing a nucleic acid onto an array surface having a plurality of nucleic acid binding agents stably associated therewith, said method comprising:
- positioning a thermal inkjet head filled with said nucleic acid containing fluid in opposing relation to said substrate surface; and
 - actuating said thermal inkjet head in a manner sufficient to expel said quantity of fluid onto said substrate surface to deposit said quantity of fluid on said substrate surface, wherein nucleic acids present in said deposited fluid are capable of hybridizing to their

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